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Dear Ms. Hesse:

As a business owner I am greatly concerned about competition being stifled in America. I am specifically speaking of the ludicrous lawsuit against Microsoft. That is why I am writing to lend my support for the settlement of the Microsoft antitrust case.

I personally watched as this case dragged itself out: endlessly running through dramatic public relations campaigns and taking up much of the nightly news. This consequently has caused consumers, such as myself, to wonder if and when I would be able to use updated software that would enable my business to run more smoothly. Microsoft is the key player behind America's technology dominance; their contributions have actually allowed competitors to evolve. I guarantee that every person who works for the competition knows Windows extensively. When Microsoft became burdened with this case, it robbed the company of resources to focus on their core business operation. I read that because of the Microsoft settlement computer makers can now eliminate Windows from their systems if they so desire. That shouldn't hurt the competition any!

I am glad that the case was settled between the Justice Department, the nine states, and Microsoft. Please, let us settle this and allow America to grow and progress in the technology world.

Thank you for your time and concern regarding my letter.

Sincerely,

Mark Mills
President

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